(d) the reasons for the delay to get final report of this survey; and

(e) whether final report would be ready by September 1996 as assured by the Railways Minister during the discussion with Members of Parliament of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Kottayam-Erumely-Punalur is a different survey which was also conducted by RITES. Its rate of return is negative.

(d) The survey report received from RITES is under examination of the Southern Railway.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Construction of Flyover

3069. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a flyover at Sonarpur Railway Crossing in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) State Govt. has yet to finalise alignment and sponsor firm proposal.

[Translation]

Official Languages Act, 1963

3070. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions have been made in the Official languages Act, 1963 for providing equal rank and facilities to English and Hindi Publications;

(b) whether any penal or corrective action is taken for violating it;

(c) if so, the reasons for discriminating between Hindi and English and not providing required facilities to Hindi in the Bhagirath magazine; and

(d) the steps-proposed to be taken for improving the situation immediately by removing such violation of the Official Languages Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : There is no such clear provision in Official language Act, 1963. However orders have been issued in respect of the house magazine and news letters brought out by the Ministries/Departments that house magazine and new letters should be published billingually (in Hindi & English) and they should have equal allocation of pages for the two languages and should be brought out in one single cover and name. The headings & design of the cover page should also be billingual and in these publication information including information regarding the working of the organisation should be published in both the languages.

(b) It is a well considered view of the Government that use and implementation of Official Languages, Hindi, in the Central Government offices should be done through motivations, incentives and goodwill. Accordingly, whenever, any instance of violation of these orders comes to the notice, the Head of the concerned organisation/office is asked to take corrective action.

(c) There is no discrimination against use of Hindi and English in the Central Govt. office. In the said magazine, "Bhagirath" Hindi has the same status which the English publication of this magazine has.

(d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Total Number of Trains

3071. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains running under each railways zone in the country;

(b) the percentage of trains which ran late and also those cancelled under each railway zone during the first six months of the current year; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring improvements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The average number of trains being run daily under each railway zone is as under :-

	Railway		No. of trains
1.	Central	-	1653
2.	Eastern	-	1466
3.	Northern	-	1142
4.	North Eastern	-	474
5.	Northeast Frontier	-	214
6.	Southern	-	1077
7.	South Central	-	493
8.	South Eastern	-	432
9.	Western	-	1363